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Holiday Towels

24 Festive Designs

Sherry's

stitching stuff

Dear Stitching Friend,

It's the small touches, like these hand towels, that show how much you enjoy a holiday! Just right — and just plain fun — for your decorating, here are 24 quick and simple designs by Jennifer Lambein.

A college student majoring in illustration, she was drawn into cross stitch design by her mother, Deborah Lambein. "She was always involving me in her work, teaching me colors, charting — everything," Jennifer says. "I guess you could say that she took me under her wing, but, even now, I'm still learning!"

Your friends,

"The Good-Natured Girls"

MATERIAL THINGS

ABOUT FLOSS. We use DMC floss to stitch our models, but we list Anchor floss colors as an option. To make gathering your floss colors easier, all colors used in the design are listed in numerical order in the Cross Stitch section of the color key. The floss colors without symbols are used for stitches other than cross stitch.

We used 3 strands of floss for cross stitch and 1 strand for backstitch and French knots on our models. For special "looks," like heavier backstitch for lettering, you may need to vary the number of strands that you use.

ABOUT TOWELS. We used Kitchen Mate, Park Avenue, and Kitchen Classic towels for our models, but these designs will fit on any towels with 14 count inserts that are at least 57 wide x 32 high.

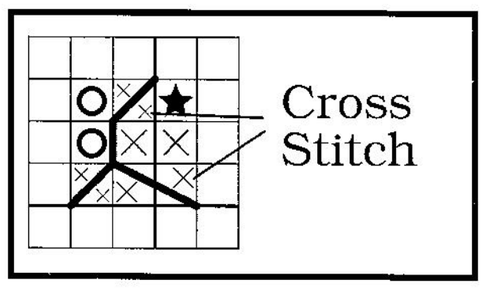
To begin stitching, you need to find the center of the towel insert. First fold the insert in half from top to bottom and then from left to right. Mark the center with a straight pin. Use the arrows on the chart to find the center of the design. This is where you will begin stitching.

ALL ABOUT OUR CHARTS

All stitches are represented by symbols in the chart. Each symbol is listed in the color key. Look at the heading of the column to see what stitch that symbol represents. Follow the line across to see what floss color you should use for the stitch. Sound simple? It is! However, there are a few special situations to consider:

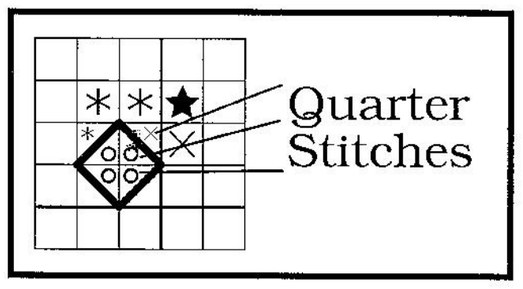
Backstitch Covering Cross Stitch

When a backstitch covers a cross stitch, we can't show a full-size symbol, so we show a reduced symbol on one or both sides of the backstitch.



Quarter Stitches

Quarter stitches are also shown as reduced symbols. The difference between these and reduced symbols for cross stitch is that you will either have two different symbols in the same square or one reduced symbol on the edge of the design.



If you're not sure how to do a certain stitch, just refer to the **WHICH STITCHES** section and follow the numbers. It's that easy! So just get started and enjoy.

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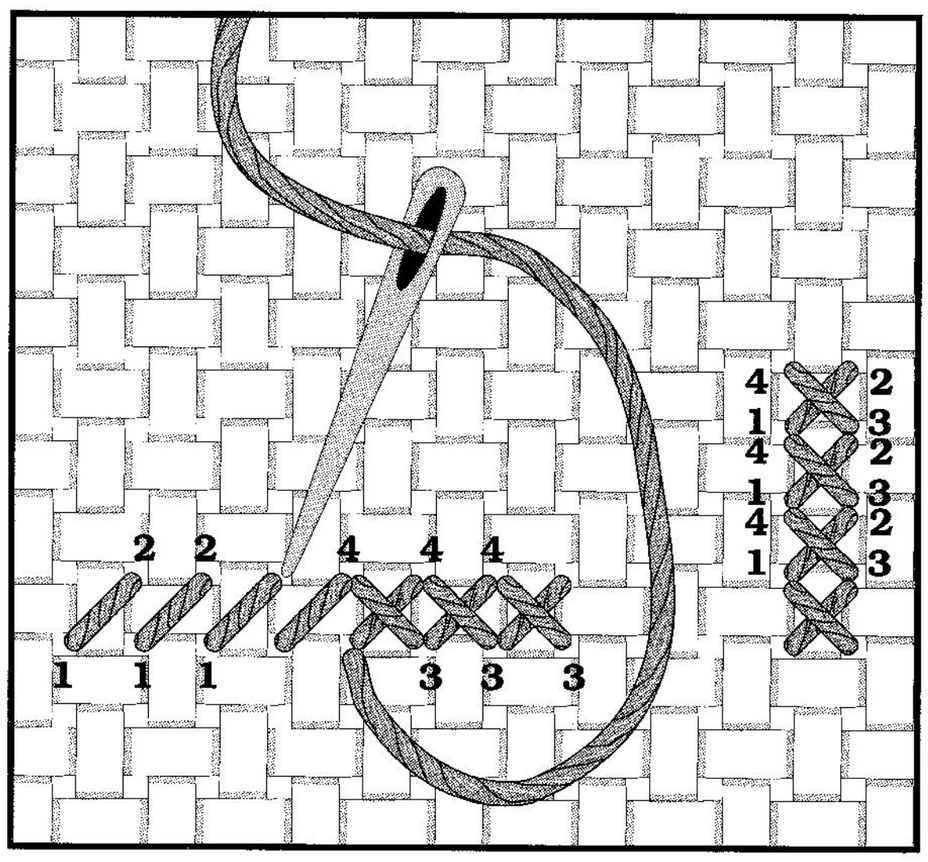
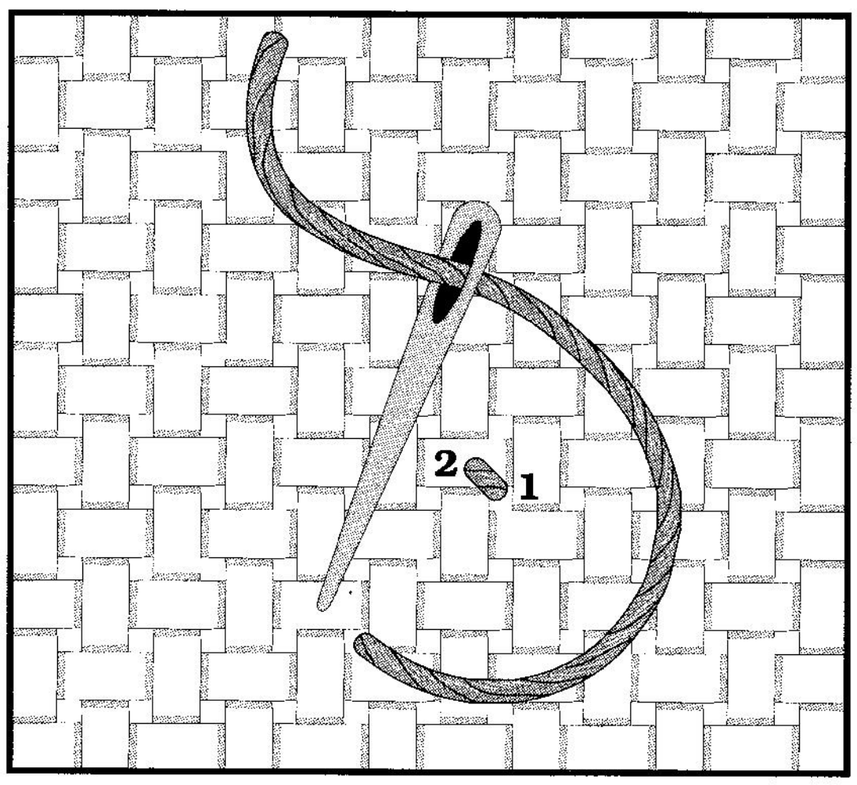
which stitches

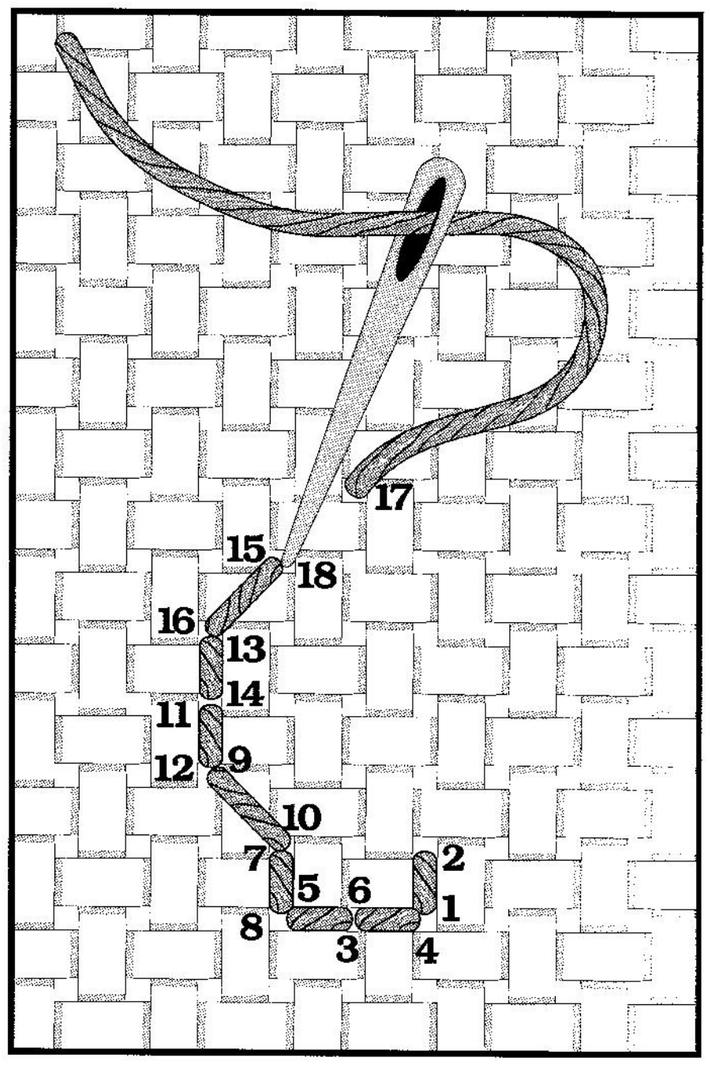
Cross Stitch
Each cross stitch is made of 2 separate stitches. Bring floss up at 1, down at 2, up at 3, and down at 4 to complete 1 cross stitch. For horizontal rows, work the 1st half of the cross stitch as you move from left to right across the row, then work the 2nd half on the return trip.



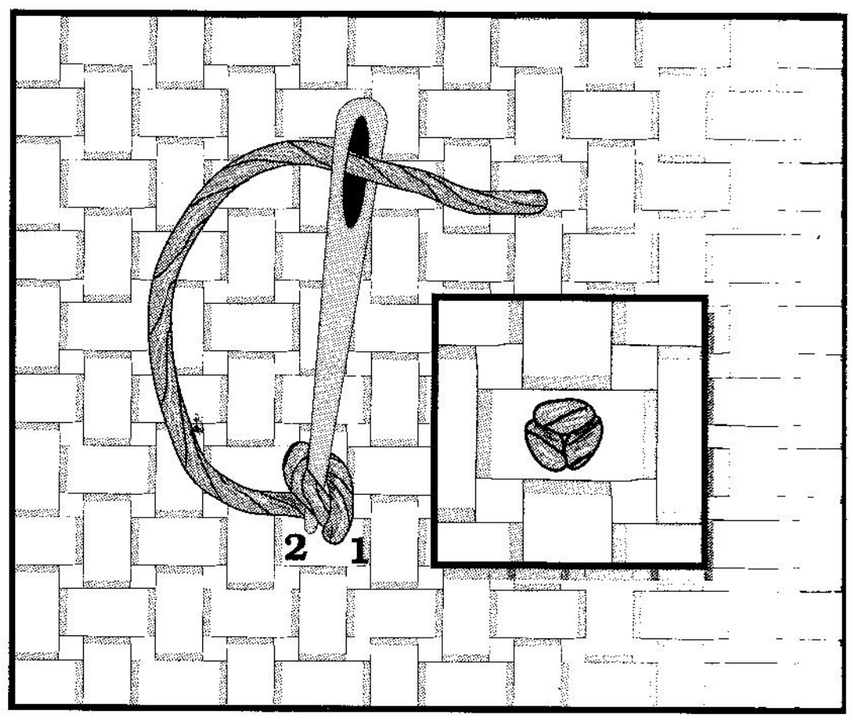
Quarter Stitch
A quarter stitch is a tiny stitch which is the size of 1/4 of a cross stitch. Bring floss up at 1 and split the fabric thread to go down at 2.



Backstitch
Backstitches are used to outline or define a design and should be worked after all cross stitches are completed. Bring floss up at odd numbers and down at even numbers to work backstitches.



French Knot
French Knots are used for details in a design and are normally worked after all cross stitches are completed. Bring floss up at 1. Wrap floss around needle once and take needle down at 2, holding loose end of floss tight until knot is formed.



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STITCH COUNT:

1. 51 wide x 25 high
2. 47 wide x 28 high
3. 51 wide x 28 high
4. 49 wide x 30 high

CROSS STITCH

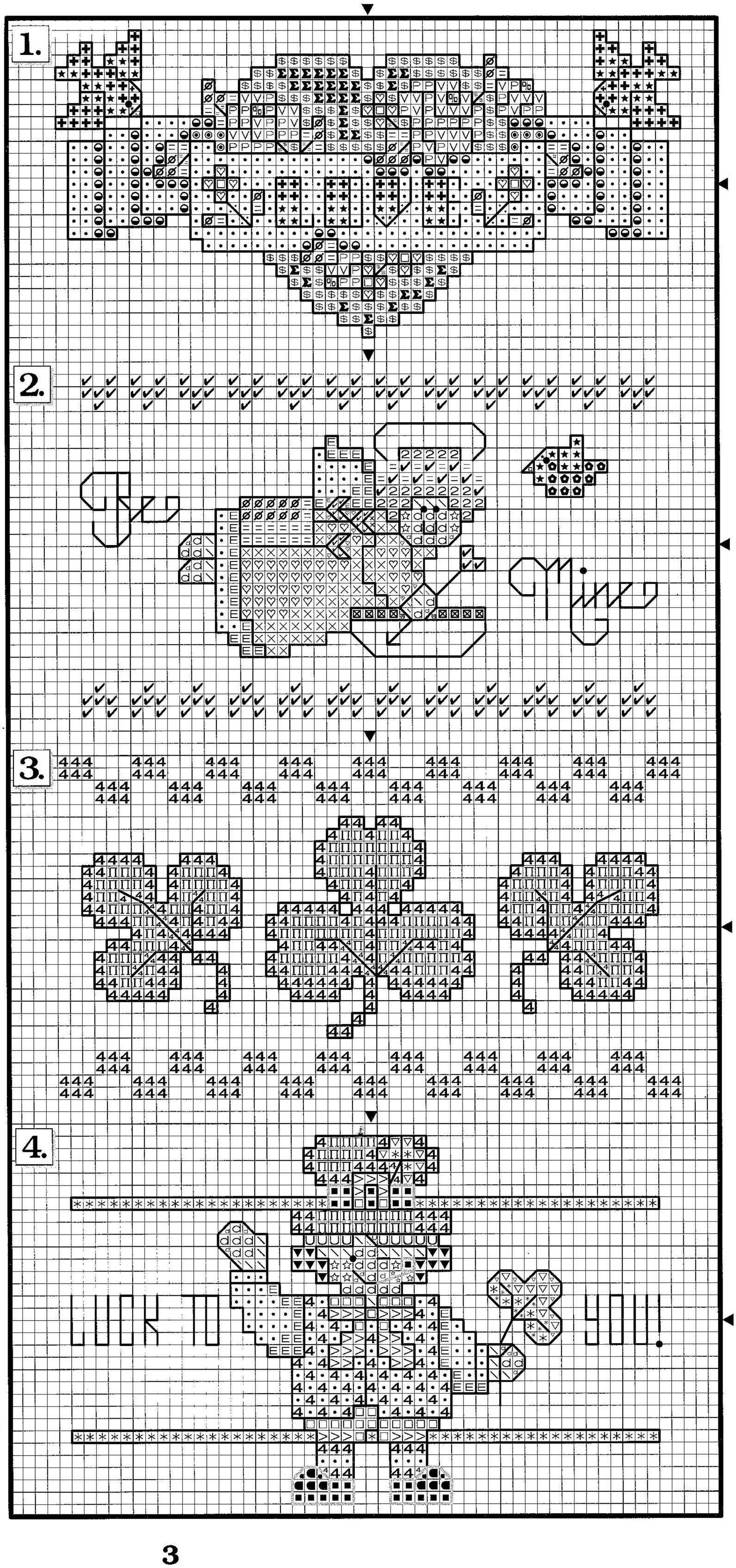
Symbol	DMC	Anc.	Color
⊡	blanc	2	white
⊠	209	109	lavender
♡	210	108	lt lavender
■	310	403	black
⊟	320	215	moss green
	321	9046	red
⌀	368	214	lt moss green
2	407	914	taupe
⊙	415	398	dk grey
✳	471	266	yellow green
▽	472	253	lt yellow green
	729	890	gold
□	744	301	yellow
>	745	300	lt yellow
\	754	1012	flesh
☆	761	1021	salmon
◒	762	234	grey
✚	775	128	lt blue
⊠	841	378	lt brown
✔	899	52	lt rose
4	910	229	green
Π	911	205	lt green
	938	381	brown
d	948	1011	lt flesh
%	962	75	dk pink
V	963	73	lt pink
▼	976	1001	rust
E	3072	847	pearl grey
★	3325	129	blue
$	3350	59	dk rose
P	3716	25	pink
Σ	3731	76	rose
✿	3755	140	dk blue
◖	3799	236	charcoal grey
U	3826		dk rust

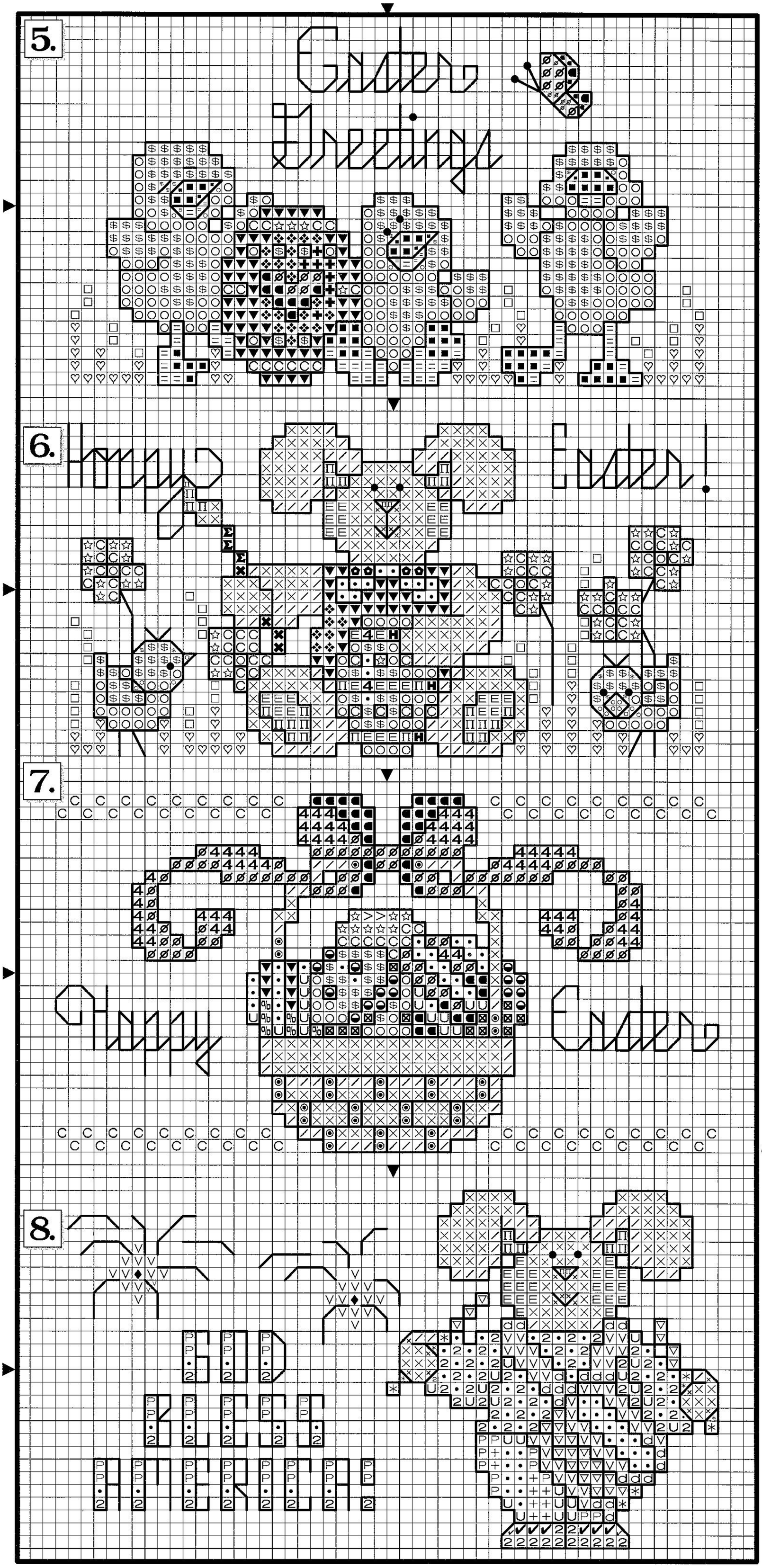
BACKSTITCH

Symbol	Color
⟋	black
/	red for leprechaun's mouth
/	gold for halo
/	brown for remaining backstitch

FRENCH KNOT

Symbol	Color
•	brown





STITCH COUNT:

5. 50 wide x 28 high
6. 51 wide x 26 high
7. 52 wide x 28 high
8. 51 wide x 28 high

CROSS STITCH

Symbol	DMC	Anc.	Color
⊡	blanc	2	white
Ⓒ	209	109	dk lavender
☆	210	108	lavender
>	211	342	lt lavender
♡	320	215	moss green
P	321	9046	red
□	368	214	lt moss green
*	434	310	vy dk tan
▽	435	1046	dk tan
⊙	436	1045	tan
/	437	362	lt tan
+	666	891	lt red
d	676	891	gold
V	677	886	lt gold
=	722	323	dk peach
X	738	361	vy lt tan
O	744	301	yellow
$	745	300	lt yellow
Π	760	1022	salmon
E	761	1021	lt salmon
U	762	234	grey
❖	775	128	lt blue
⌀	776	24	pink
2	797	132	royal blue
✔	798	131	lt royal blue
4	818	23	lt pink
✖	840	379	lt brown
Σ	841	378	vy lt brown
	938	381	brown
⊠	954	203	green
◒	955	206	lt green
✿	3072	847	pearl grey
▼	3325	129	blue
◖	3326	36	pink
H	3712	1023	dk salmon
%	3755	140	dk blue
✚	3756	1037	vy lt blue
■	3825		peach
♦	Kreinik Fine (#8) Braid #002C Cord Gold		

BACKSTITCH

Symbol	Color
⁄	Kreinik Fine (#8) Braid #002C Cord Gold for fireworks
⁄	brown for remaining backstitch

FRENCH KNOT

Symbol	Color
●	brown

Be very Thankful
GOBBLE GOBBLE
Give Thanks!

Happy Easter
Happy Easter!
Easter Greetings

Be Mine
Mine

Spirit Greetings
BOO!

LUCK TO YOU!

GOD BLESS AMERICA
LOVE THE LIBERTY
LET FREEDOM RING!

Merry Christmas
Let it snow!
JOY
Believe
JOYOUS NOEL

STITCH COUNT:

9. 51 wide x 29 high
10. 55 wide x 25 high
11. 51 wide x 28 high
12. 51 wide x 25 high

CROSS STITCH

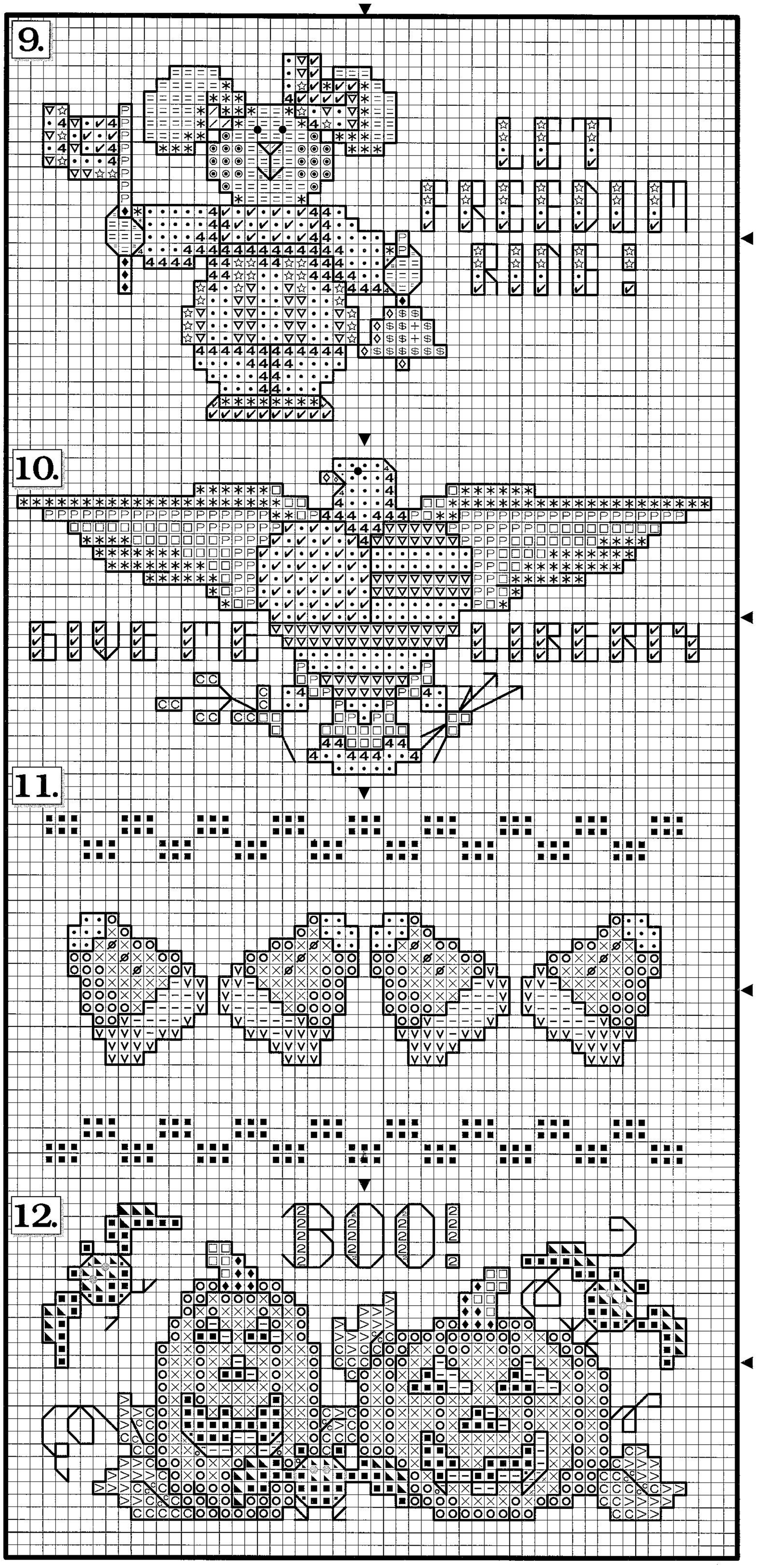
Symbol	DMC	Anc.	Color
·	blanc	2	white
■	310	403	black
4	320	215	moss green
✓	321	9046	red
▽	368	214	lt moss green
♦	434	310	vy dk tan
=	435	1046	dk tan
P	436	1045	tan
*	437	362	lt tan
⊙	666	46	lt red
☆	676	891	gold
∗	677	886	lt gold
C	721	324	orange
□	722	323	lt orange
◊	738	361	vy lt tan
+	743	302	dk yellow
$	744	301	yellow
∕	746	275	lt yellow
▪	760	1022	salmon
∶	761	1021	lt salmon
∠	762	234	grey
∨	797	132	blue
∑	920	1004	dk orange
∫	938	381	brown
∑	945	881	vy lt orange
◣	3799	236	charcoal grey

BACKSTITCH

Symbol	Color
—	white
∠	black for bats and pumpkin faces
∠	blue for "Give Me Liberty"
∠	brown for remaining backstitch

FRENCH KNOT

Symbol	Color
—	yellow
•	brown



13.

14.

15.

16.

STITCH COUNT:

13. 48 wide x 27 high.
14. 49 wide x 25 high.
15. 52 wide x 28 high.
16. 48 wide x 29 high.

CROSS STITCH

Symbol	DMC	Anc.	Color
⊡	blanc	2	white
■	310	403	black
C	317	400	grey
☆	320	215	moss green
V	347	1025	red
♡	353	6	peach
=	355	1014	dk terra cotta
P	356	5975	terra cotta
□	368	214	lt moss green
✳	420	374	dk golden brown
✧	422	373	lt golden brown
▽	434	310	vy dk tan
%	435	1046	dk tan
◉	437	362	tan
/	500	683	dk blue green
+	501	878	blue green
d	550	102	dk purple
V	553	98	purple
=	554	96	lt purple
⊠	676	891	gold
O	677	886	lt gold
$	721	324	dk orange
◇	722	323	orange
4	738	361	lt tan
✔	743	302	dk yellow
2	744	301	yellow
⌀	745	300	lt yellow
❖	760	1022	salmon
★	762	234	lt grey
U	840	379	brown
E	841	378	lt brown
	938	381	dk brown
T	948	1011	flesh
Π	3072	847	pearl grey
L	3328	1024	dk salmon
⊠	3778	1013	vy lt copper
◒	3799	236	charcoal grey
5	3823		vy lt yellow
8	3825		lt orange
✖	3828		golden brown
Σ	3830		copper

BACKSTITCH

Symbol	Color
	moss green for ribbons
	black for remaining backstitch
	white for cats (long stitches for whiskers) and division between soles of turkey's shoes
	dk brown for remaining backstitch

FRENCH KNOT

Symbol	Color
	black
	yellow for cats' eyes
	dk brown for remaining French knots

STITCH COUNT:

17. 49 wide x 28 high
18. 45 wide x 27 high
19. 49 wide x 29 high
20. 50 wide x 27 high

CROSS STITCH

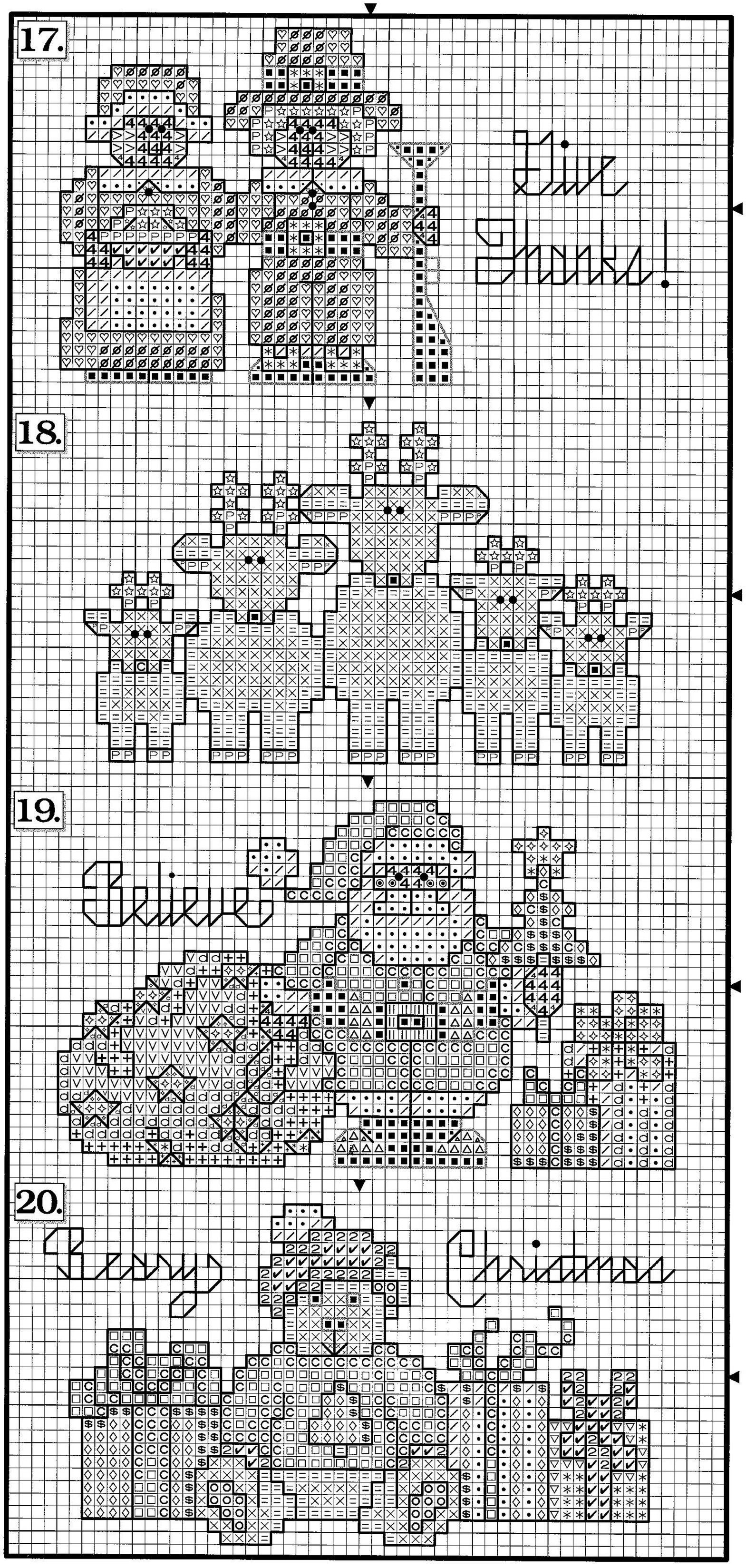
Symbol	DMC	Anc.	Color
⊡	blanc	2	white
■	310	403	black
C	321	9046	red
>	353	6	peach
♡	356	5975	terra cotta
‖	415	398	dk grey
P	437	362	tan
□	666	46	lt red
*	676	891	gold
✧	677	886	lt gold
▽	729	890	dk gold
☆	738	361	lt tan
◉	761	1021	salmon
/	762	234	grey
+	792	941	vy dk blue
d	793	176	dk blue
V	794	175	blue
=	840	379	brown
X	841	378	lt brown
O	842	388	vy lt brown
$	910	229	green
◊	911	205	lt green
	938	381	dk brown
4	948	1011	flesh
✔	3325	129	vy lt blue
2	3755	140	lt blue
⌀	3778	1013	lt terra cotta
△	3799	236	charcoal grey

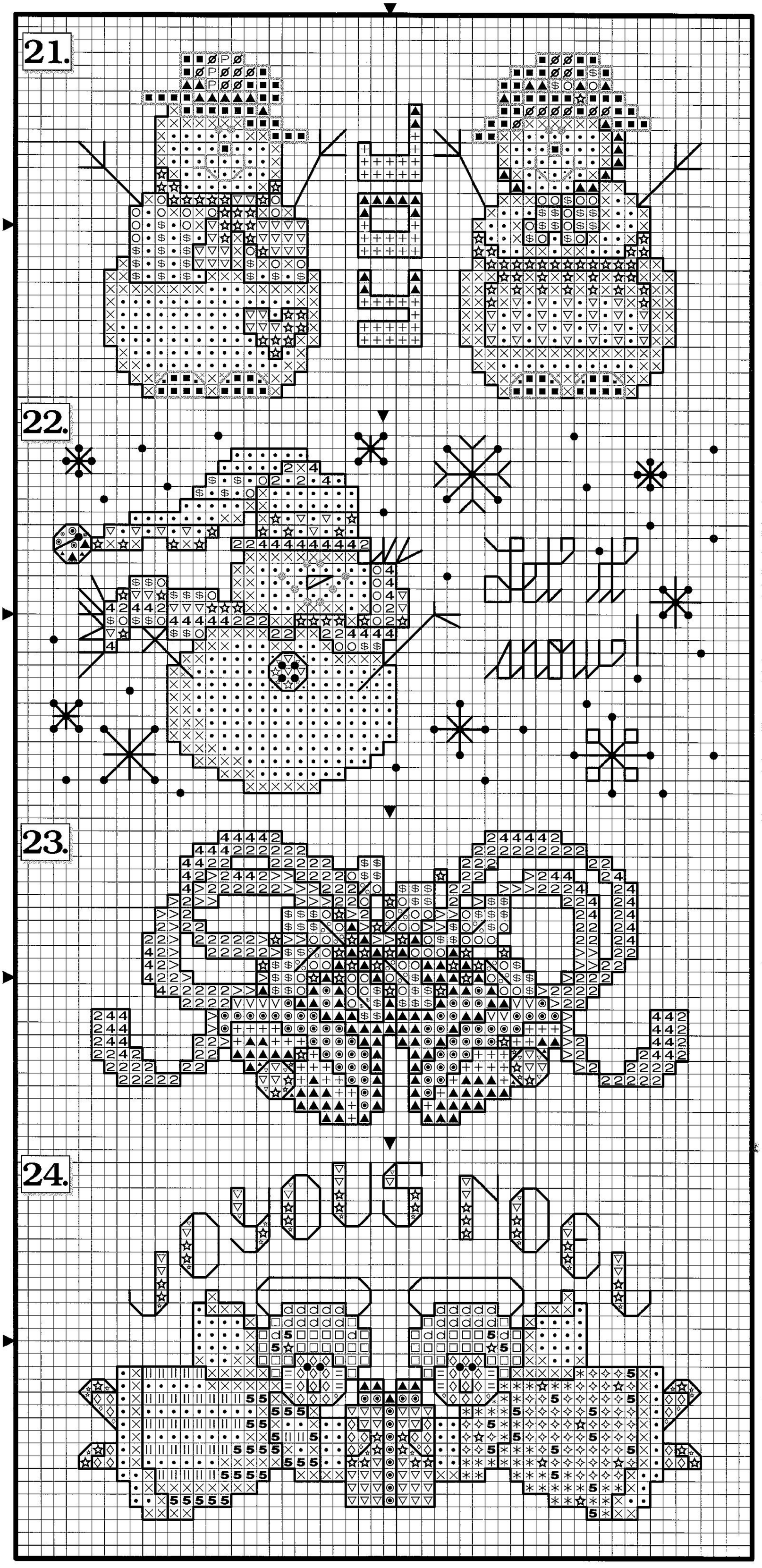
BACKSTITCH

Symbol	Color
	black
	white for highlights in boots and divisions between boots and shoes
	dk brown for remaining backstitch

FRENCH KNOT

Symbol	Color
⊡	dk brown





STITCH COUNT:

21. 49 wide x 27 high
22. 54 wide x 30 high
23. 47 wide x 23 high
24. 49 wide x 28 high

CROSS STITCH

Symbol	DMC	Anc.	Color
⊡	blanc	2	white
■	310	403	black
5	320	215	moss green
☆	321	9046	red
>	334	977	dk blue
=	368	214	lt moss green
P	414	235	grey
□	437	362	tan
*	471	266	yellow green
✧	472	253	lt yellow green
▽	666	46	lt red
▲	676	891	gold
◉	677	886	lt gold
/	722	232	orange
+	729	890	dk gold
d	738	361	lt tan
V	746	275	cream
=	761	1021	salmon
X	762	234	lt grey
O	910	229	green
$	911	205	lt green
	938	381	brown
◊	948	1011	flesh
4	3325	129	lt blue
2	3755	140	blue
⌀	3799	236	charcoal grey

Kreinik Fine (#8) Braid
#002C Cord Gold

BACKSTITCH

Symbol	Color
	black
/	dk blue for snowflakes
/	Kreinik Fine (#8) Braid #[illegible] Cord Gold for angels' halos
/	brown for remaining backstitch

FRENCH KNOT

Symbol	Color
	black
•	dk blue for snowflakes
•	brown for remaining French Knots

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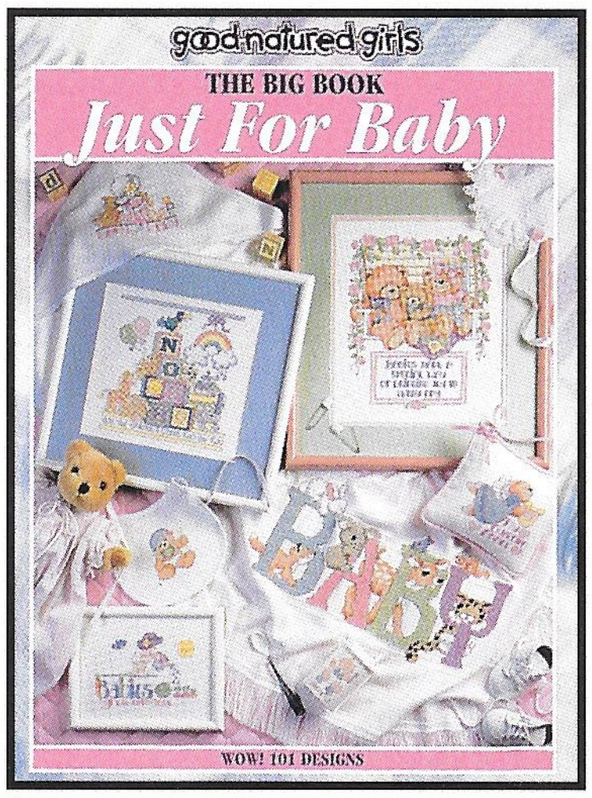

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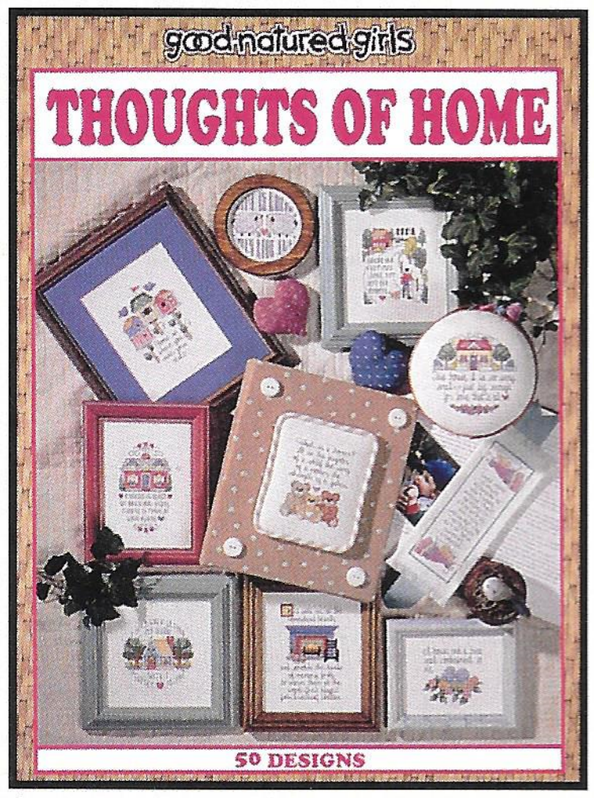

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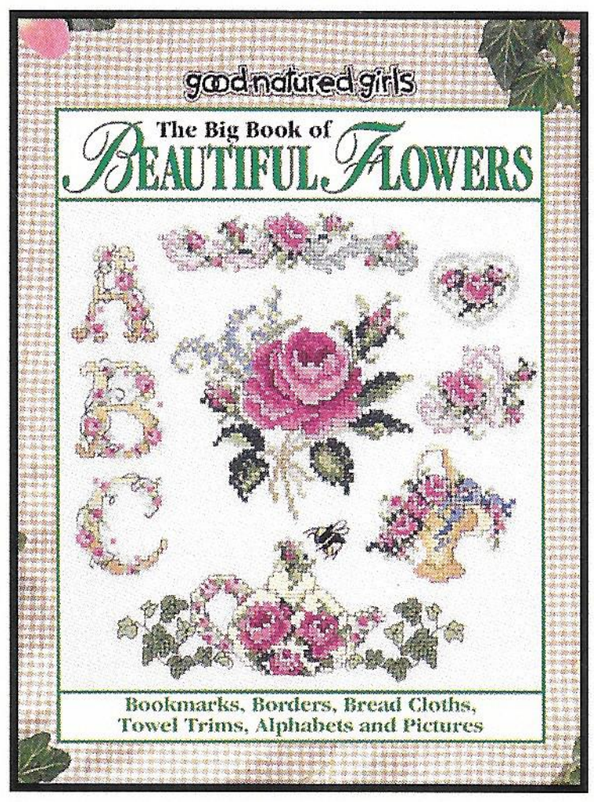

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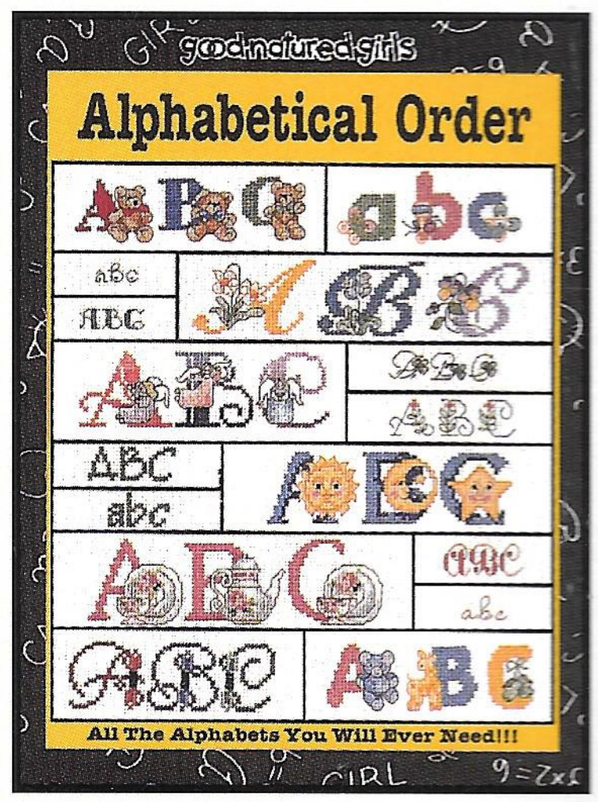

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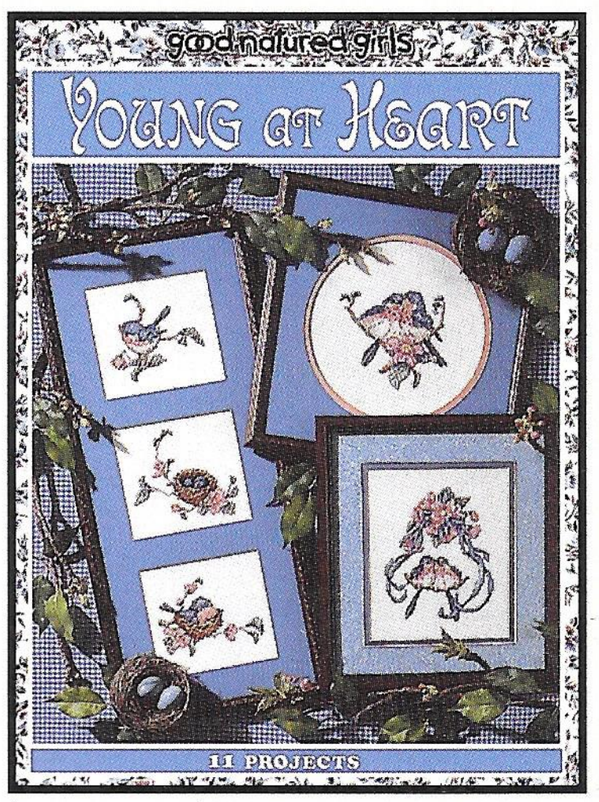

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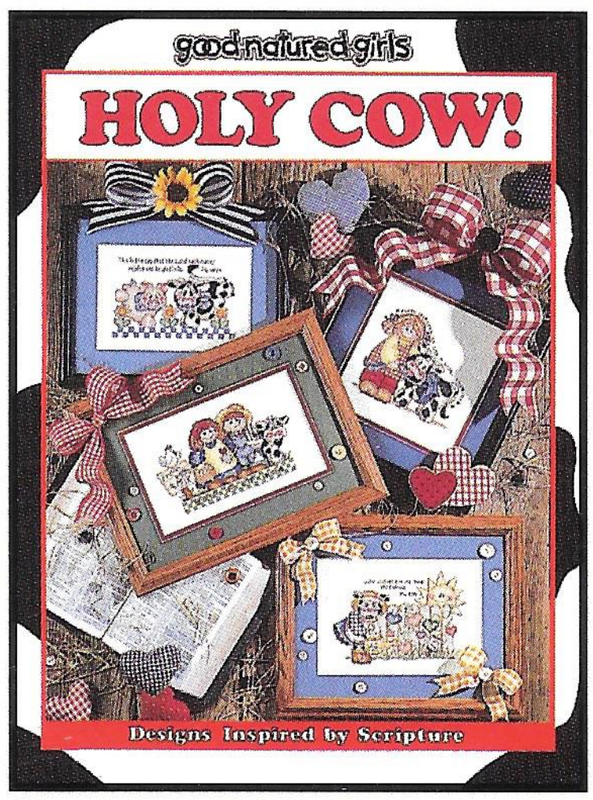

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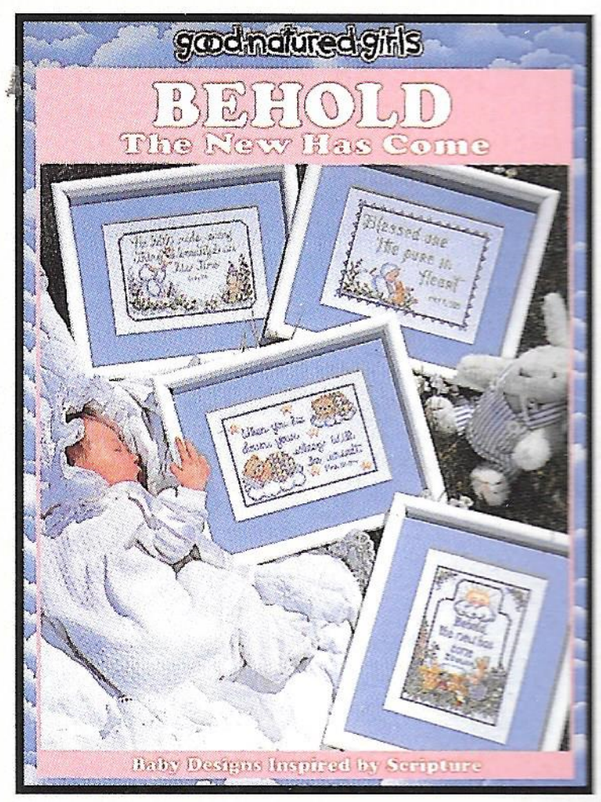

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